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Maps of Kaua'i's tsunami evacuation zones updated

LĪHU'E – County officials today announced that the maps of Kaua'i's tsunami evacuation zones were recently updated.

A multi-disciplinary team assembled by the Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency (KCDA) collaborated on the update, including: emergency managers; first responders; IT geographic information systems staff; and a range of stakeholders and subject matter experts.

The update includes the addition of an "extreme" evacuation zone that addresses the very rare yet potentially devastating greater-Aleutian tsunami that could exceed prior planning parameters. Evacuation zones for the island of Ni'ihau have also been added.

"I urge everyone to review the new maps, share the information with family and friends and plan accordingly," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "While public safety is paramount in all that we do, disaster preparedness begins with each individual."

Interactive and downloadable versions of the maps are available on the county website at www.kauai.gov/civildefense.

Future editions of local phone directories will include the updated maps.

The update does not affect the FEMA flood insurance rate maps or insurance rates.

Anyone with questions can call the KCDA at 241-1800 or send an email to civildefense@kauai.gov.